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## Carson Co-Sponsors the Defending American Jobs Act of 2004

*Act will discourage U.S. companies from outsourcing U.S. jobs*

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**Washington, D.C.** - Eastern Oklahoma Congressman Brad Carson (D-OK) announced today that he is a co-sponsor of the Defending American Jobs Act of 2004. This legislation would protect American jobs by preventing companies from receiving federal grants, loans and loan guarantees if they lay off a greater percentage of workers in the United States than they lay off in other countries.

"It is unacceptable that the same companies that send millions of U.S. jobs overseas can still receive millions of dollars in federal money," said Congressman Carson. "This act would ensure that companies who reduce their workforce in the United States, but increase production abroad are not rewarded for their actions."

In the last three years, the United States has lost over 16 percent of its total factory workers, over 3 million manufacturing jobs. Millions of American jobs have been shipped overseas where the companies can pay workers pennies on the dollar. Now many companies are beginning to ship white-collar service jobs overseas as well. A recent study by the Haas School of Business indicated that as many as 14 million jobs or 11 percent of the total U.S. workforce is in danger of being outsourced overseas.

"Outsourcing is a serious problem affecting more and more Americans and Oklahomans each day," said Carson. "I refuse to sit by idly and watch as U.S. companies send jobs overseas while taking federal money. That is why I decided to co-sponsor this legislation that will help to hold companies accountable for their actions."

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